CHS CHECKUP



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NEWS BRIEFS

State Fair 2003

CHS will have a booth at the 2003 Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 14-24. The exhibit will feature a different program area each day such as tobacco, cardiovascular, food safety, substance abuse, bioterrorism, aging, product safety, oral health, childhood development, and women's health. Each display will be interactive. There will also be static displays, including fast food fat facts, sodium, blood pressure machines, nutritional/body fat analysis, diabetes, and derma scan.

Congratulations to Kim Hawkins

Kim Hawkins, an employee of the Office of Inspector General, Division of Special Investigations, is one of 14 people who will be inducted into the Dawahare's/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame next March. Kim was a track and cross country standout at Bath County and went on to earn a scholarship at Purdue University. She later transferred to the University of Kentucky where she set many records and earned All-American status for track in the late 1980s.



TIP OF THE WEEK

There is no doubt that a healthy lifestyle improves the length of life as well as the quality of life. The earlier in life we begin implementing a program of health and wellness the better off we will be; but no matter what age we are today, we can all help ourselves to a healthier, happier life...starting now.

Movin, Movin, Movin!

All the employees on the First and Second floors of the Health Services Building are on the move. Where are they going and when? It's a short journey scheduled to begin in early August that will take them to a dramatically different environment with much better scenery.

The Finance and Administration Cabinet is starting the first phase of the long awaited and overdue roof replacement and renovation of the First and Second Floors on August 4. The renovation project is divided into seven phases (six wings and the Board Room). The roof replacement is also slated to start in the next few weeks. These projects entail moving the equivalent of 559 staff in both temporary and permanent moves. These are huge endeavors that will require the efforts and patience of many. However, the end result will be worth the short-term inconvenience.

Some of the internal renovations include:

- removal of some modular and permanent walls to allow for the uniform assignment of office space among staff;
- replacement of damaged wallboard and painting of all walls;
- replacement of the carpet throughout, and tiling of the smoke room and under all water fountains;
- · cleaning or recovering of all panels and furniture;
- cleaning of the HVAC units located on the First Floor (the Second was done last year);
- removal of old data wire in the ceiling to reduce clutter and dust collection;
- replacement of broken wall clocks with battery operated units, and

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CHR Clean Up Day August 1

So that the Health Services employees don't get ahead of those in the CHR Building, a clean up day for the CHR Building is scheduled for August 1. Wear your jeans and be prepared to throw out and spruce up your home away from home.

Finance will place trash bins throughout the floors for clean up use. If you have items that need to be shredded, please contact your agency's records coordinator and they will arrange to have this material disposed in the proper manner. The same applies to records that need to be archived.

If you have furniture and equipment that are no longer needed, please notify your property officer by July 25. This will allow sufficient time to notify the movers of the number of items to be collected and delivered to Surplus Property. Remember that all computer equipment to be surplused must be cleaned or rendered useless before this date, before it can be picked up for delivery to Surplus Property. Your property officer can assist you to see that this is accomplished and the proper paperwork completed.

Hazelwood Dental Clinic Receives National Award

Hazelwood's Underwood and Lee Dental Clinic, one of the first clinics of its kind in America to provide quality dental services to persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities living in the community, has once again received national recognition.

The Clinic's dental research program has won research awards for the past three years and the patient protocols were recognized in the 2002 Surgeon General's Report. In June the clinic won the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit for 2003.

The dental clinic is located at Hazelwood Center, an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation (ICF/MR), in Louisville and is home to 154 people.

The Underwood and Lee Clinic provides dental care to individuals with mental retardation residing in the community, but the model is unique in that it uses the pre-existing infrastructure of the ICF/MR, as well as the expertise of the ICF/MR-based

doctors and staff, to serve these community-based patients. The outpatient dental clinic had seen 110 patients and provided services through 418 visits through the first part of June.

The clinic's dental services include general dentistry, periodontal and oral surgery, biopsy, and emergency dental care. The clinic is part of the Developmental Dentistry Program, which is affiliated with the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. The Developmental Dentistry Program, based at the Underwood and Lee Clinic, features inpatient and outpatient dental care, a Developmental Disabilities Dentistry Fellowship training program for graduate, residency-trained dentists, and a fouryear-old dental research program (The Hazelwood Study), focused on solving patient-related healthcare problems.

For more information about the dental clinic contact Hazelwood Center at (502)-368-2348 or 502/361-2301.

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 installation of new exit and directional signage upon completion of the move.

As the internal renovations begin, each phase/wing will be sealed with plastic and through traffic eliminated. Finance will install outside venting to avoid the spread of dust. Demolition work on the roof is scheduled after working hours to reduce the noise.

Each agency affected by this work has a designated *move coordinator* who is responsible for sharing information and answering questions staff might have about the projects. Theses individual will begin distributing information this week. Give them until the end of the week to get the first information distributed, however, please do not hesitate to contact these individuals with questions.

The move coordinators for each area are as follows: Office of Women's Mental and Physical Health – Missy Adkisson, Division of Technology Resources – Jeanine Sloan, Division of Quality and Human Resources Management-Shane O'Donley, Office of Certificate of Need - Laurie Walston, Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner George Graham, Division of Resource Management - Glenda Hager, Division of Local Health - Beverly Stone, Division of Public Health Protection and Safety- Vicki Smith, Division of Epidemiology - Martha Graves and Judy Fell, and Division of Adult and Child Health - Pam Moore.

We ask that all staff located inside the Health Service Building, or other CHS staffers that simply do business with these groups be supportive, put a smile on your face and a skip in your step. With this attitude and a spirit of cooperation this journey will be over before we know it.

A Reminder To CHS Employees

Don't forget to take the Cabinet's Employee Satisfaction Survey located on the CHS Intranet website, http://chsnet/survey/intro.htm.

This survey is an opportunity for all Cabinet for Health Service Employees

to express their views on working within the Cabinet. Participation is

voluntary; however, your input is

essential to the survey's success. The deadline for surveys to be completed is August 1, 2003. If you have any questions or experience problems with the survey, please contact Rebecca

Amburgey at 564-5705 ext. 3909 for assistance.



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